GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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ALLOTMENT OF COAL MINES TO SCS STS ON PRIORITY BASIS
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision for priority and concession to SCs/STs for the allotment of coal mines;

(b) if so. the details thereof;

(c) the number of coal mines allotted to SCs/STs on priority basis during the last three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and particularly in Chhattisgarh?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) & (b): As per the Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1973,as amended from time to time, only a company as defined in Section 3 of the Companies Act, 1956 (1 of 1956) and engaged in specified end uses such as power generation, steel manufacturing, cement production, coal gasilication and coal liquefaction is eligible to undertake captive mining of coal.

(c) & (d): Do not arise in view of reply given to parts (a) & (b) above.